

I would like to share a few thoughts concerning the implementation of tolls in CT. I am generally opposed to this with the exception of any new sections of a limited access highway. This would be a good tool to expand our unfinished sections of state highways.

The legislation states tolls at our borders. We should have a definition of where this area is. Is the border considered within several feet, yards, or miles from the state line? If not defined we could end up with tolls in places no one expected.

Are these tolls only for our interstate highways? The way it is written would not prohibit the installation of a toll on any state or federal Highways. Does this need to be narrowed down so we do not see a toll on some back road near a state border?

If we do move forward with tolls we should have language requiring that all tolls be constructed with lanes capable of collecting the toll electronically at highway speeds. This will increase efficiency and safety.

What will be the process in setting the toll rates. Is this set by the D.O.T. or will it need to be in legislation?

Thank you for considering these comments as you move forward.

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